



POOL PLAYERS – Regulation V(c) – Selection of Players

A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game. **NOTE:** Players may not be “borrowed” from an opponent. They must be assigned by the Player Agent.

Guidelines:

1. The league’s Player Agent will create and run the pool. The league’s Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
3. Under this option, when a player participates in a game on a team other than his/her own team, such player will not be permitted to pitch in that game.
4. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine (9) consecutive defensive outs and bat once.

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The intent of the Pool Player option is to eliminate the rescheduling of games and not to supplement a team’s roster. Teams may request Pool Players if they expect a shortage of their normal rostered players that would place the team at nine (9) or fewer expected players.

- a. Pool Players must play at least nine (9) consecutive defensive outs.
- b. Pool Players must bat at least once.
- c. Pool Players are not allowed to pitch under any circumstances.
- d. Pool Players will wear their own team’s regular uniform.
- e. Pool Players must bat last in the line-up.
- f. Pool Players must be used on a rotating basis. Managers and Coaches do not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
- g. The league’s Player Agent will maintain that league’s Pool Play List and report to the Division VP on a weekly basis any Pool Players used in games. The league’s Player Agent will also provide details on any Pool Players skipped in the rotation. Pool Players who are skipped, due to sufficient reasoning, will be placed at the top of the list for the next game.
- h. Managers/Coaches using Pool Players not assigned by the Player Agent or who do not properly notify the Player Agent will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

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Implementation:

1. Pool Player lists should be submitted no later than the April Board meeting. The lists should contain those player names that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season. Every regular season rostered player is eligible to be a Pool Player if he/she wants.
2. All players who wish to participate will be grouped alphabetically by last name.
3. The Player Agent will maintain the list along with the Major VP and ensure that all managers have the most recent list of all Pool Players that have been used and which Pool Players are available.
4. When a team requests a Pool Player, the Player Agent will choose the player next on the list based on an alphabetical listing by last name.
5. When the Player Agent is not available, the Major VP will choose the player next on the list.
6. If neither the Player Agent nor Major VP is available, the Manager of the team in need of the Pool Player will choose the player next on the list. If the player next on the list is not available, the Manager will continue down the list until he finds an available player. He will notify the opposing team's Manager of any player skipped on the list, give an explanation as to why, and get agreement on the player to be used if such player is not next on the list. If agreement cannot be reached the game should be rescheduled. The Manager will notify the Player Agent and Major VP immediately after the game with the name of the pool player used.
7. Under no circumstances may a player who is not listed as eligible as a Pool Player be used in a game. Such use of a non-listed player will result in an ineligible player and all appropriate provisions under rule 4.19 will be followed and could result in forfeiture of game. In addition, the offending Manager risks disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.